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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTIETH MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

4 May 1956

Present

Members: Richard Bauer, Army
John Shearer, Navy
Maj. Howard G. Neumann, Air Force

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Consultants:

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1. The minutes of the 69th meeting were approved with the following emendations:

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██████████ referred to the agreement on the listing of the "Economic" category under the East European Satellites to include the phrase, "with emphasis on"

Page 4, paragraph 2, should read: "NSA is satisfied with the program, but desires that 'communications' be given first priority in Tab B."

2. Communist Far East Program

Army: Mr. Bauer stated that Army was quite satisfied with the program except for some minor points. He requested coverage on specific cities in China, under the category of Light Industry in Tab A. He agreed that the coverage to be given in the provincial annual plans and plan fulfillments might satisfy their need. He also added that Engineers particularly had several items which should be emphasized as specifics. They felt that all countries should cover mapping and surveying, personnel, organizations, materiel, current programming and accomplishments.

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██████████ mentioned that mapping and surveying would be covered under the "geographic" category.

Another point Mr. Bauer mentioned was that there was a requirement for natural and industrial gases (particularly liquid oxygen) and petroleum pipe lines for all countries.

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The Chairman remarked that the present scientific program covered natural and industrial gases under "guided missiles."

Mr. Bauer stated there were no specific comments on North Korea or Vietnam.

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[REDACTED] wanted to clarify the fact that under item 18 in Tab A we are following the Chinese definition of heavy industry which includes power, mining, and petroleum. This is the reason they have not been listed separately elsewhere.

Navy: Mr. Shearer stated that Navy is generally very well satisfied with the present coverage except that they did not quite agree to the manpower allotted to all available transportation data.

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[REDACTED] explained that item 25 had been mistakenly labeled "Transportation" and had been changed to "Telecommunication." Transportation should be added as item 26 with manpower of one man.

Mr. Shearer added that there were a few specific comments which are reflections of material that could be used to good advantage if it is possible to provide it. Referring to item 16 in Tab A on Shanghai shipyards, Navy would like additional coverage of shipyards outside the Shanghai area such as Dairen, Canton, and Wu-chang.

In Tab B additional coverage on foreign trade with specific attention to Chinese trade for political purposes, and pattern of any imports from the west. On item C in Tab B Navy is interested in additional coverage on inland waterways and coastal shipments.

NSA concurred in coverage of inland waterways and coastal shipping.

On Communist Vietnam in Tab B, Navy would like to, if possible, see Bloc Assistance Programs placed in Tab A. No items were nominated for transfer to Tab B. On Communist Korea in Tab A, Mr. Shearer questioned whether item 2 on "extent, nature, and use of foreign aid goods" would include bloc assistance programs.

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[REDACTED] replied that it would.

At this point the Chairman asked FDD if the addition in Tab A on shipyards presented any problem.

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[REDACTED] answered that it would pose a problem if we endeavor to give any more than presently indicated. The additional coverage would call for the effort of an additional $\frac{1}{2}$ a man.

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The Chairman explained that much of this information would be included in the national and provincial annual reports and added that in order to give specific coverage on the specific operations of these plants would require more manpower than is available. At this point the Chairman asked FDD if there was any possibility of including assistance from the bloc for Communist Vietnam and Korea.

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██████████ commented that bloc assistance would be covered on North Korea to the extent that it did not duplicate data available from other facilities, and was already included in Tab A, item 2. On Vietnam the most urgent need is to find out how they are planning to operate their political and governmental structure and philosophy. Manpower has been assigned for this purpose. ██████████ added that FDD is planning to give semiannual or annual summary reports on the domestic and foreign trade of Communist Vietnam.

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Air Force: Maj. Neumann stated that Air Force had no objection to any of the ~~proposed~~ proposed changes. Regarding category B.8 in Tab A, Maj. Neumann asked for a clarification.

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██████████ explained that they had subsequently discussed this category with ORR and State Department and it was their feeling that in order to get a better picture of the plans that the three important cities of Shanghai, Tientsin and Peiping should be covered. We agreed to cover these three cities as samples for city studies.

Maj. Neumann pointed out that it was suggested at the beginning of this review that item C in Tab A be removed entirely, since target analysis data material produced by USAF isn't for ready distribution to the IAC as a whole, but instead is used internally.

The Chairman explained that Tab A is only for reference purposes of the Subcommittee and that it will not be reproduced.

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CIA: ██████████ stated that CIA was very pleased with the program with some minor comments on Tab A. He requested that rail transportation be given more treatment.

The Chairman asked ██████████ if he felt that the present work produced was not covering all that could be covered.

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██████████ replied to the affirmative, and asked ██████████ if he agreed there could be an increase in rail transportation treatment.

██████████ said that he would prefer to discuss the problem with ORR's railroad people. More coverage can always be given, but whether the additional coverage would be of sufficient value was a question. In answer to a query by ██████████ on whether the manpower indicated for Finance was not too high, ██████████ commented that

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the real question was how much material is going to be done, adding that almost any material that is handled required tremendous expenditure of manpower. Manpower is required only to the extent that these subjects are of any value to the consumers. If detailed finance data is required, the manpower indicated is modest.

The Chairman said that we would add additional land transportation in Tab B and eliminate "Agriculture."

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NSA: [REDACTED] stated that NSA in general was well satisfied with the program. NSA was also interested in civil aviation and finance in Tab B.

The Chairman stated that this concluded the examination of the Communist Far East program except for State Department's comments. The next meeting will commence with the Free World, starting with Southeast Asia and the Near East and then Western Europe, Africa, and Latin America. The Chairman requested each agency interested in Latin American coverage to make a very close study. The Chairman was also interested in any comments the agencies have concerning any increase in the Africa program, other than the Arab States, due to current political conditions.

3. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting will be held 18 May 1956 at 1400 hours in Room 2125 M Building.

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